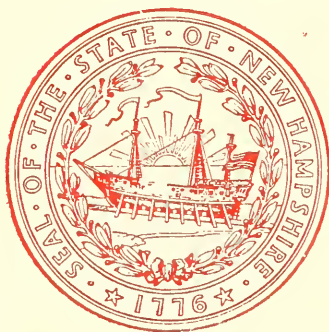



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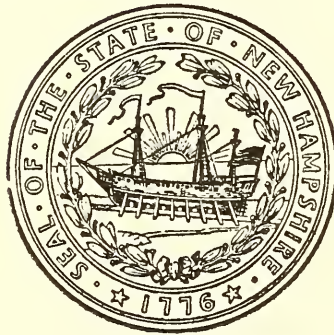
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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

RALPH DILL

Town Clerk

BETTY ANN deMELLO

Selectmen

DAVID J. ALBERT

WENDELL GILCHRIST

C. DENIS MATTHEWS

Road Agent

EDWARD SMITH

Tax Collector

BETTY ANN deMELLO

Land Agents SELECTMEN

Librarian

ELAINE KARKHECK (thru July)

Police

CARL J. PEBBLES, Sr.

Health Officers

SELECTMEN

Auditor

PAUL M. BUCK, CPA

Trustee of Trust Funds

BARBARA HOBART

Library Trustees

BARBARA HOBART

ZELMA WATTS

Constable

PETER deMELLO

Fire Warden

C. DENIS MATTHEWS

Deputy Wardens

JAMES PARRIS

JAMES ALBERT

FLOYD COLBY, Sr.
PERLEY WOODWARD

Secretary to the Selectmen

VERNA C. MATTHEWS

Supervisors of the Checklist

ELAINE KARKHECK

JUDITH DILL

YVONNE STEVENS

Surplus Food Agent

JUDITH DILL

TOWN WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the fifth day of March, 1974 next, at 3:00 of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

(Polls opened 3:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M., business meeting begins at 6:30 P. M., and ballots will be counted after business meeting.)

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To choose one (1) delegate to the Constitutional Convention in May.
3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
4. To see if the Town will vote to give a two (2) percent discount for payment of taxes paid within fifteen (15) days after Tax Collector's mailing date.
5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of or administer any real estate acquired by the Tax Collector's deeds.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for a new truck.
7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.
8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for and accept aid relative to State and Federal disaster money.
9. To see if the Town will raise the sum of two hundred ninety-four dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$294.28) and the State to contribute one thousand nine hundred sixty-one dollars and eighty-four cents (\$1,961.84) for Class IV and V construction.
10. To see what action the Town will take on its Revenue Sharing money:
 - (a) to rescind the last year's vote to place the money in the Savings Bank.
 - (b) to place all money received under Title I in a Trust Fund.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as setoffs against budgeted appropriations for the following priority purposes:

- (a) new equipment
- (b) new construction
- (c) public safety
- (d) health
- (e) multi-purpose and general government

12. To see if the Town will vote to require that any Dog or Dogs owned or kept in the Town of Groton shall at all times when within the limits of the said Town and not upon or within the premises or property of its owner or keeper, be restrained from running at large. Any owner or keeper of a dog found in violation of this law, shall for each violation thereof forfeit ten (\$10.00) dollars to the Town, and said penalty may be recovered on complaint before a Municipal or District Court.

13. To see what action the Town will take on the following:

- (a) to accept the Dodge Road from the Main Road as far as Charles Matthews' home.
- (b) to accept the Eastman Road so-called from the Town Line of Rumney & Groton to Tobey Gonnerman's residence.

14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw from the Capital Reserve Fund the sum of four thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars to be applied towards the purchase of a new truck at the cost of ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars. Six thousand (\$6,000.00) dollars to be raised by taxation.

15. To see what action the Town will take to authorize the Selectmen to purchase the Barney Hutchins' property at the cost of two thousand, three hundred (\$2,300.00) dollars.

16. To see what action the Town will take upon the continued operation of the Town Library.

17. To see if the Town will vote to continue plowing driveways at the fee of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars per driveway.

18. To see if the Town will vote to purchase the following new equipment:

- (a) police radio at fifty-eight (\$58.00) dollars
- (b) typewriter for Town Clerk at five hundred (\$500.00)
- (c) 12 steel chairs for Selectmen's Office at one hundred (\$100.00) dollars

- (d) calculator for Selectmen's Office at one hundred (\$100.00) dollars
- (e) rake for Highway Department at one thousand, three hundred (\$1,300.00) dollars

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise two thousand, five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars for sealing the following roads:

- (a) North Groton Road
- (b) Sculptured Rocks Road
- (c) River Road

20. To see what action the Town will take on a 100% re-evaluation of the Town by the State Tax Commission or any other qualified person or persons.

21. To see if the Town will act upon the following new construction or repairs:

- (a) replacing foundation under Library and Selectmen's Office at three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars
- (b) repairing backwall and windows in Selectmen's Office at one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars
- (c) repairing chimney at Town House at five hundred (\$500.00) dollars

22. To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes in salaried and hourly workers:

- a. Road Workers—from \$2.25 to \$2.75
- b. Road Agent—from \$2.35 to \$3.00
- c. 1st & 2nd Selectmen—from \$250.00 to \$400.00
- d. Chairman Selectmen—from \$400.00 to \$500.00
- e. Town Clerk—from \$100.00 to \$200.00
- f. Town Treasurer—from \$200.00 to \$250.00
- g. Secretary—from \$300.00 to \$400.00
- h. Ballot Clerks—at \$2.25 (same)
- i. Supervisors—at \$2.25 (same)
- j. Moderator—at \$2.35 (same)
- k. Any other salaried or hourly worker at the rate of \$2.25 with the exception of Tax Collector who is at a 1% of the Tax Warrant.

23. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

DAVID J. ALBERT
WENDELL GILCHRIST
C. DENIS MATTHEWS
Selectmen of Groton

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land		\$ 942,625.00
Buildings		473,550.00
Factory Buildings		4,300.00
Public Utilities, Electric		276,400.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes and Travel		
Trailers Assessed as Personal Property (22)		57,275.00
Boats and Launches (2)		1,500.00
Total Valuation before Exemptions allowed		<u>\$1,755,650.00</u>
Elderly Exemptions (3)	\$ 4,050.00	
Total Exemptions Allowed		\$ 4,050.00
Net valuation on which tax rate is computed		\$1,751,600.00
New England Power Co.	\$264,000.00	
N. H. Electric Coop., Inc.	12,400.00	
		<u>\$276,400.00</u>

Number of Inventories Distributed in 1973 — 315

Date 1973 Inventories Were Mailed — March 21, 1973

Number of Inventories Returned in 1973 — 204

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GROTON

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year

January 1, 1974 to December 31, 1974

or for the Fiscal Year from January 1, 1974 to December 31, 1974

	<i>Approp. Previous Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Actual Expend. Previous Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year 1974 (1974-75)</i>
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION:			
<i>General Government:</i>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,519.50	\$ 2,400.00
Town Officers' Expenses	900.00	1,194.56	1,200.00
Election & Registration Expenses	400.00	249.56	650.00
Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	1,000.00	1,000.80	1,200.00
<i>Protection of Persons & Property:</i>			
Police Department	750.00	873.65	850.00
Fire Department	400.00	282.00	500.00
Insurance	600.00	645.00	700.00
Damages & Legal Expense	250.00	230.00	250.00
Health Dept. (Incl. Hospitals & Ambulance)	650.00	325.00	500.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	800.00	813.54	1,000.00
<i>Highways & Bridges:</i>			
Town Maint.—Summer & Winter	12,900.00	7,725.05	12,000.00
Street Lighting	200.00	197.79	225.00
Gen. Exp. of Highway Dept.	1,700.00	1,735.31	1,800.00
Town Road Aid	294.82	294.82	294.28
<i>Libraries:</i>	150.00	150.00	300.00
<i>Public Welfare: Surplus Foods</i>	250.00	177.31	100.00
Old Age Assistance	1,800.00	948.61	1,500.00
<i>Recreation:</i>	200.00	122.22	250.00
<i>Public Service Enterprises:</i>			
Cemeteries	300.00	101.15	300.00
<i>Debt Service:</i>			
Interest—Long Term Notes & Bonds			250.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	400.00	631.52	500.00
<i>Capital Outlay:</i>			
New Equipment	4,500.00	3,900.00	8,000.00
Sealing	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
County Tax	5,200.00	6,680.75	7,000.00
School Tax	20,637.52	20,894.02	23,960.44
New Construction for			
Repairs of Town Buildings			5,000.00
Flood Disaster Work Done		22,128.00	
100% Re-Evaluation of Town			7,500.00
Purchase Hutchins' Property			2,300.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<u>\$ 59,782.34</u>	<u>\$ 77,320.16</u>	

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

\$ 84,029.72

	<i>Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1974</i>
SOURCES OF REVENUE:			
<i>From State:</i>			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 225.00	\$ 186.25	\$ 200.00
Savings Bank Tax	65.00	109.24	110.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	1,143.00	1,122.10	276.90
Reimb. Forest Conservation Aid	706.00	156.08	160.00
Reimb. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	126.00	177.28	180.00
Gas Tax	3,531.00	3,531.47	3,512.12
<i>From Local Sources:</i>			
Dog Licenses	60.00	78.40	80.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	10.00	14.00	15.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,600.00	2,007.56	2,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	100.00	119.56	200.00
Resident Taxes Retained and Penalties	400.00	937.00	1,000.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed			500.00
Rent of Town Property—Snowplowing	1,000.00	915.00	1,000.00
Sale of Town Property		392.96	
Income from Departments			
Longyear Foundation	150.00	150.00	150.00
Town of Hebron		7.16	5.00
Income from Municipal Utilities, Dividend School Insurance		3.80	
Recount Fees (Ruth Adams)		10.00	
<i>Surplus</i>		4,902.41	6,723.91
<i>From Federal Sources:</i>			
Revenue Sharing and Interest	2,040.00	120.28	
Reimb. a/c Flood Disaster		16,888.00	5,240.00
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*TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 11,771.00	\$ 32,579.82	\$ 22,103.52
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*Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes			\$ 61,926.20
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TOTAL REVENUES			\$ 84,029.72

*Total estimated "Revenues from all sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year gives "Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes".

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1973

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	900.00
Election & Registration Expenses	400.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	1,000.00
Police Department	750.00
Fire Department (Forest Fires \$400.)	400.00
Insurance	1,000.00
Damages & Legal Expenses	350.00
Health Department (Incl. Hospitals & Ambulance)	150.00
Town Dump & Garbage Collection	800.00
Town Maintenance — Summer & Winter	12,900.00
Street Lighting	200.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	1,700.00
Town Road Aid	294.82
Libraries	150.00
Town Poor	250.00
Old Age Assistance	1,800.00
Recreation (Parks, Playground, etc.)	200.00
Cemeteries	300.00
Payment on Debt (Interest \$400.)	400.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	1,000.00
New Equipment	4,500.00
Sealing	2,500.00

Total Town Appropriations

\$33,944.82

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest and Dividends Tax	186.00
Savings Bank Tax	109.24
Meals and Rooms Tax	751.27
Reimb., a/c State and Federal Lands	652.75
Reimb. a/c Flood Con. Land (Duncan Fund)	1,143.02
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	49.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	14.00
Dog Licenses	73.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,662.61
Rent of Town Property & Equipment	600.00
Income from Trust Funds:	
Remib. - State Residents Tax	4.50
National Bank Stock Taxes - Dividend Ins.	3.80
Resident Taxes Retained	910.00

Revenue Sharing (Contra)		
Reimb. Surplus Food - Hebron	7.16	
Highway Subsidy - Gas tax	3,531.46	
Long year Foundation	150.00	
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Total Revenues and Credits		9,847.81
Net Town Appropriations		24,097.01
Net School Appropriations		20,650.97
County Tax Assessment		6,680.75
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Total of Town, School, and County		51,428.73
Deduct: Reimb. a/c Property Exempted		
1970 Spec. Session		177.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits		900.00
Add: Overlay		2,144.87
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Property Taxes To Be Raised		\$54,296.60
Property Taxes to be Committed to Collector:		
Gross Property Taxes	\$54,296.60	
Less: W/Serv. Tax Cr.	900.00	
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Total Tax Commitment	\$53,396.60	

TOWN TAX RATE - \$3.10

Summary of Valuations and Taxes to be Assessed for Tax Year 1973
by Precincts, Village Districts and School Districts where valuation
is not identical with that of the Town or City:

School District: Newfound Area	\$20,637.57
Resident Taxes @ \$10—91	\$910.00
55% Retained by Town/City	\$500.50

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
As Of December 31, 1973 - June 30, 1974

Description	Value
Town Hall,, Lands and Buildings	\$ 3,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,900.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	1,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Police Department - Equipment	200.00
Fire Department - Equipment	200.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	500.00
Equipment	9,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	1,000.00
Selectmen's Office	1,500.00
Equipment	600.00
Town Dump	1,000.00
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TOTAL	\$ 21,900.00

BALANCE SHEET

TOWN OF GROTON — DECEMBER 31, 1973

ASSETS:

Cash	\$ 10,204.17
Revenue Sharing Trust Fund	3,400.28

Uncollected Taxes:

Property	\$13,518.25	
Residents	190.00	
		13,604.45

Accounts Receivable:

State of New Hampshire	267.90	
Other - Dodge Rd. Residents	237.31	
		505.21
Prepaid Insurance		293.77

Total Assets	\$28,111.68
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LIABILITIES & SURPLUS:

Accounts payable	\$ 70.25
Unexpended Revenue Sharing	3,280.00
Allocated Funds - Heater	500.00
School District Tax payable	7,537.52
Notes Payable - Bank	10,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$21,387.77
Current Surplus	6,723.91

Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$28,111.68
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENSES

TOWN OF GROTON FOR YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1973

Revenues:

1973 Property Tax	\$52,988.64
State of N. H. and Fed. Gov't.	23,194.09
Registration of M. V.	2,007.56
Snowplowing - Driveways	915.00
1973 Resident's Tax	910.00
Sale of Town Property	392.96
Gifts	150.00
Interest - Revenue Sharing Fund	120.28
Interest - Property Taxes (1972)	119.56
Dog Licenses	78.40
Resident's Tax Penalties	27.00
Licenses & Permits	24.00

\$80,927.49

Expenditures:

Flood Loss	\$ 22,127.22
School District Tax	20,894.02
State & County	6,696.76
New Equipment	3,900.00
Gas Tax	2,567.55
Summer Roads	2,519.63
Town Officers' Salaries	2,519.50
Sealing	2,500.00
Winter Roads	2,106.66
General Highway Expense	1,735.31
Town Officers' Expenses	1,194.56
Town Buildings	1,000.80
Capital Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	948.61
Police	873.65
Town Dump	813.54
Insurance	645.87
Interest expense	631.52
Taxes - Bought by Town	562.88
Duncan Fund	531.21
Health	325.00
T R A	294.82
Fire	282.00
Election & Regsitation	249.56
Legal Expenses	230.00

Street Lighting	197.79
Surplus Food	177.31
Abatements & Refunds	163.85
Library	150.00
Recreation	122.22
Cemeteries	101.15

\$ 78,062.99

Excess of Revenues over Expenditures \$ 2,864.50

STATEMENT OF SURPLUS

TOWN OF GROTON — YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1973

Surplus @ 12-31-72	\$ 4,902.41
Remove Revenue Sharing from prior year	(1,043.00)
Add Excess of Revenues over Expenditures y/e 12-31-73	2,864.50
	<hr/> \$ 6,723.91

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1973

Received from Auto Reg.	\$ 2,090.06	
Less Clerk's Fees	82.50	
		\$ 2,007.56
Dog License	86.00	
Less Clerk's Fees	7.60	
		78.40
Snowplowing Driveways		915.00
Recount Fees		10.00
Paid to Treasurer		\$ 3,010.96

Respectfully submitted,
BETTY ANN deMELLO
Town Clerk

PETTY CASH REPORT

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 11.02	
Cash Received for Petty Cash Fund from Selectmen Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1973	70.00	
		\$ 81.02
Expenditures		74.67
Balance (Cash on hand as of Dec. 31, 1973)		\$ 6.35

Respectfully submitted,
BETTY ANN deMELLO
Town Clerk and Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES

Levy of 1973

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 53,426.40
Resident Taxes	920.00

Total Warrants

\$ 54,346.40

Yield Taxes:

59.27

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	749.12
Resident Taxes	30.00

Int. Collected on Delinq.

Property Taxes:

779.12

Penalties Collected on Res. Taxes:

8.00

TOTAL DEBITS

\$ 55,192.79

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 39,654.89
Resident Taxes	720.00
Yield Taxes	59.27
Penalties on Res. Taxes	8.00

40,442.16

Discounts Allowed:

659.70

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	342.68
Resident Taxes	40.00

382.68

Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1973:

(As Per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	13,518.25
Resident Taxes	190.00

13,708.25

TOTAL CREDITS

\$ 55,192.79

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES

Levy of 1972

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1973:

Property Taxes	\$ 4,080.55
Resident Taxes	210.00

\$ 4,290.55

Int. Collected on Delinq.

Property Taxes:	150.31
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Penalties Collected on Resident Tax:	19.00
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169.31

TOTAL DEBITS

\$ 4,459.86

CR.

Remit. to Treas. during Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 1973:

Property Taxes	\$ 3,896.05
Resident Taxes	190.00
Int. Collected During Year	150.31
Penalties on Resident Taxes	19.00

4,255.36

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	184.50
Resident Taxes	20.00

204.50

TOTAL CREDITS

\$ 4,459.86

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

DR.

Tax Sale on Accounts of Levies of 1972	
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Year	\$ 562.88
Interest Collected After Sale	7.61
Redemption Costs	5.92
TOTAL DEBITS	<hr/> \$ 576.41

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:	
Redemptions	\$ 379.43
Interests & Costs After Sale	13.53
Unredeemed Taxes, December 31, 1973	183.45
TOTAL CREDITS	<hr/> \$ 576.41

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES DEC. 31,1973

1972 Levy

Vigneau, John & Joslyn, Deanna (Ortolani, A. & P.) Property 10 A lot 4 Blood Place, House & Garage	\$ 183.45
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REPORT OF TREASURER

Receipts:

Betty deMello, Collector:

1972 Residents Tax	\$ 190.00
1972 Property Tax	3,896.05
1972 Interest	54.47
1972 Interest and Cost of Advertising Tax Sale	95.84
1972 Resident Tax Penalties	19.00
1973 Residents Tax	720.00
1973 Property Tax	39,718.69
1973 Resident Tax Penalties	8.00
Taxes Redeemed	421.02

State of New Hampshire:

Reimbursement a/c loss in Taxes	
Due to State and Federal Forest Lands (1972)	652.75
Gasoline Tax	3,531.47
Refund of Overpayment of State Resident Taxes	4.50
Business Profits Tax	177.28
Duncan Fund	1,143.02
Interest and Dividends Tax	186.25
Savings Bank Tax	109.24
Town Share, Meals and Room Tax	751.27
Reimbursement a/c Flood Disaster	16,888.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest Reserve Lands	156.03

Pemigewasset National Bank:

Temporary Loans (in anticipation of taxes)	20,000.00
Temporary Loans (for flood disaster)	25,000.00
Treasurer of the United States:	
Revenue Sharing Fund	1,001.00

Town Clerk:

1972 Motor Vehicle Permits	18.81
1973 Motor Vehicle Permits	1,988.75
Dog Tax	78.40
Plowing Driveways	915.00
Ruth Adams recount fee	10.00

Town of Hebron:

Reimbursement for Hebron's Share of Surplus Food	7.16
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Longyear Foundation:

Contribution to Town	150.00
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Selectmen:

Pistol Permits 14.00

John C. Ray Insurance Agency:

Dividend on School House Insurance Policy 3.80

Individual Taxpayers:

Redeposit of Returned Checks 139.83

TOTAL \$ 118,049.63

Cash in Hand January 1, 1973 8,931.33

Grand Total \$ 126,981.01

Payments:

Selectmen's Orders Paid \$ 116,573.21

Bank Charges - Insufficient Funds 203.63

Treasurer

116,776.84

Balance \$ 10,204.17

Respectfully submitted,

BONNIE LEE ALBERT

Treasurer

Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank

Revenue Sharing Account #48056 \$ 3,280.00

Total Interest to December 31, 1973 120.00

Total Savings Account \$ 3,400.00

BONNIE LEE ALBERT

INSURANCE

Town Truck:

Old Policy - Town Truck	\$ 160.68
New Policy - Town Truck	53.00
New Policy - Town Truck	52.50
Town Hall	25.00

Bonds:

Bonds - Town Officers (Old)	13.02
Bonds - Town Officers (New)	63.00
W/C Ins. - Old	104.14
W/C Ins. - New	97.86
Addl. W/C	29.00
School House	21.60
Selectmen's Office: Old	17.82
Selectmen's Office - New	8.25
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	\$ 645.87

NEWFOUND AREA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Amount Received from Towns in Association	\$ 3,335.00
Ambulance Equip., supplies & replacement of supplies	933.87
Gas, oil, labor and tires	530.46
Insurance	749.00
Drivers & attendants (not including Fred Emmons)	506.25
Total calls	118
Paid calls	73
Unpaid calls	38
False calls	7
New Hampton	8
Bristol	73
Alexandria	13
Hebron	5
Hill	2
Groton	4
Danbury	2
Bridgewater	8
Franklin	1
Plymouth	2
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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Current Revenue::

From Local Taxes: (Collected and Remitted to Treasurer)

Property Taxes, Cur. yr. 1973	\$39,718.69
Resident Taxes, Cur. yr. 1973	720.00

*Less Back
\$ 63.80*

Total Current Year's Taxes

Collected and Remitted	\$ 40,438.69
Prop. & Yield taxes, prev. yrs.	3,896.05
Resident taxes, prev. yrs.	190.00
Interest received on Delinquent taxes	150.31
Penalties: Resident taxes	27.00
Tax sales redeemed	421.02

From State:

For Highways and Bridges:

For Class V Highway maintenance	1,193.02
Highway Subsidy	3,531.47
Interest and dividends tax	186.25
Savings Bank tax	109.24
Reimb. a/c State & Fed. forest lands	808.83
Meals and Rooms tax	751.27
All other Receipts from State, Bus. Profits tax	177.28

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	78.40
Business Licenses, permits & filing fees	24.00
Rent of Town property	915.00
Motor Vehicle permits:	
Motor Vehicle Permits (1972 - \$18.81) - 1973 - (\$1,988.75)	2,007.56

Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$ 54,855.39
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Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	20,000.00
Insurance adjustments	3.80
Refunds, Overpayment Residents' tax	4.50
Gifts	150.00

Grants from U. S. A. (Flood disaster - July)	16,888.00	
Revenue Sharing	1,001.00	
Proceeds of Loans in Anticipation of Federal Aid (Flood)	25,000.00	
All Other Receipts:		
Town of Hebron - Surplus Food share	7.16	
Redeposit of Refunded Checks	139.83	
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue		118,049.68
Total Receipts from All Sources		
Cash on Hand January 1, 1973 - July 1, 1973		8,931.33
GRAND TOTAL		\$126,981.01

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 2,519.50
Town officers' expenses	1,194.56
Election and registration expenses	293.06
Expenses town hall & other town bldgs.	1,000.80

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	873.65
Fire Dept., including forest fires	282.00
Insurance	864.00

Health:

Health Dept., inc. hospitals & ambulance	325.00
Town dumps & garbage removal	813.54

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	294.82
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Town Maintenance:

Summer - \$5,618.39	Winter - \$2,106.66	7,725.05
Street lighting		197.79
General Expenses of Hwy. Dept.		1,972.62

Libraries:	150.00
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Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	967.19
Town poor (Surplus Food)	201.19

Recreation:	122.22
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries, inc. hearse hire	101.15
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Unclassified:

Damages and legal expenses	230.00
Taxes Bought by Town	562.88
Discounts, Abatements & refunds	176.35
All Other Current Maint. Expenses:	
Bank service charge	203.63

Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$ 21,071.00
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Debt Service:**Interest on Debt:**

Paid on tax anticipation notes	627.08	
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Total Interest Payments		\$ 627.08

Principal of Debt:

Payments on Tax Anticipation notes	35,000.00	
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Total Principal Payments		\$ 35,000.00

Capital Outlay:

Highways & Bridges, Town Construction, Flood Disaster work	22,127.22	
Sealing	2,500.00	
New Equipment (Highway \$3,900.00)	3,649.97	
Payments to capital reserve funds	1,000.00	
Revenue Sharing	2,044.00	
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Total Outlay Payments		\$ 31,321.19

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Boat Tax	2.08	
Resident Taxes Paid State Treas. (1973-\$98.55)	98.55	
Payments to State a/c 2%, Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	9.88	
Taxes paid to County	6,680.75	
Payments to School Districts		
1972 Tax	8,866.31	
1973 Tax	13,100.00	
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	21,966.31	
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Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		28,757.57

Total Payments for All Purposes	\$116,776.84
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1973 - (June 30, 1974)	10,204.17
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GRAND TOTAL	\$126,981.01
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Selectmen's Paid Vouchers — Year of 1973

Town Officers' Salaries:

George Karkheck, Selectman (1972 4th qtr.)	\$ 66.66
Fred Harris, Selectman (1972 4th qtr.)	41.66
Wendell LaFreniere, Selectman (1972 4th qtr.)	41.66
Betty Ann deMello, Tax Collector (1972 Res. Tax)	2.00
Betty Ann deMello, Tax Collector (1972 % Taxes)	38.95
David J. Albert, Selectman	400.00
Wendell Gilchrist, Selectman	250.00
C. Denis Matthews, Selectman	250.00
Betty Ann deMello, Tax Collector (Res. Tax)	13.60
Betty Ann deMello, Tax Collector (% Taxes to 12-26-73)	355.97
Betty Ann deMello, Town Clerk	125.00
Bonnie Lee Albert, Treasurer	200.00
Barbara Hobart, Trustee	20.00
Verna C. Matthews, Secretary	300.00
David J. Albert (Flood)	63.00
Wendell Gilchrist (Flood)	156.00
C. Denis Matthews (Flood)	156.00
Verna C. Matthews (Flood)	39.00
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	\$ 2,519.50

Town Officers' Expenses:

Charles A. Wood (Transfers & Redemptions)	\$ 29.88
Bonnie Lee Albert (Postage & Trips to Bank)	50.87
Verna C. Matthews (Postage & Supplies)	36.91
Betty Ann deMello (Petty Cash)	70.00
State of New Hampshire (1970 Audit)	31.15
Paul Buck (Certified Audit)	225.00
N. H. City & Town Clerk's Assoc. (Dues)	8.00
N. H. Municipal Assoc. (Dues)	62.50
Newfound Assoc. of City & Town Clerk (Dues)	5.00
Enterprise Press (Town Reports)	335.00
Association of N. H. Assessors (Dues)	10.00
N. H. Tax Collector's Assoc. (Dues)	10.00
N. H. Assoc. of Assessing Officials	10.00
Betty Ann deMello ((Duplicating copies)	8.40
Betty Ann deMello (Flood Pictures)	7.64
Wheeler & Clark (Dog Tags)	7.93
Enterprise Press (Inventory notices, Bids, Police sup.)	56.45
Enterprise Press (Notices & Envelopes)	30.68
Prescott Lumber Co. (Material for flag pole)	7.44
Wendell Gilchrist (Trip, mileage, labor, tax blotter)	42.25

Homestead Press (Property Bills & Envelopes)	21.05
Branham Publishing Co. (Auto Reference Book)	8.90
C. Denis Matthews (Sup., tel. calls, trips to Concord, postg.)	89.41
B. A. Barnard (Tracing map)	4.00
Charles A. Wood (Tax Notice paym't & Redemptions)	12.50
Betty Ann deMello (Resident Tax Fees)	13.60

\$ 1,194.56

Election & Registration:

Ralph Dill, Moderator	\$ 20.25
Elaine Karkheck, Supervisor	54.11
Judith Dill, Supervisor	51.75
Yvonne Stevens, Supervisor	31.50
Ruth Adams, Ballot Clerk	11.25
Yvonne Stevens, Ballot Clerk	11.25
Deanna Joslyn, Ballot Clerk	11.25
Barbara Hobart, Ballot Clerk	11.25
Enterprise Press (Checklist 1972)	43.50
Enterprise Press (Supervisor Notices)	30.00
Mountain Media, Inc. (Supervisor Notices)	16.95

\$ 293.06

Town Hall & Other Buildings:

N. H. Electric Coop., Inc.	\$ 38.85
Charles A. Carr Co., Inc. (Oil)	133.69
Edward Smith (Plowing Town House)	45.00
Charles Matthews (Removing Tree - Sel. Off.)	20.00
Paul Adams (Removing wood - Town House)	10.00
Richard Merrill (Painting Town House)	672.02
Vickie Matthews (Cleaning Office & Sup.)	32.94
Prescott Lumber Co. (2 windows - Town House)	48.30

\$ 1,000.80

Police Department:

Carl Pebbles (Patrolling)	\$ 803.90
Peter deMello (Labor for Annual meeting, Recount & Flood)	69.75

\$ 873.65

Fire Department:

Hebron Fire Dept. Improvement Fund	\$ 200.00
Hebron Fire Dept. (Brown Fire)	20.00
James Parris (Fire Meeting)	11.00
Town of Hebron (Red Phone)	51.00

\$ 282.00

Insurance:

John C. Ray (Workman's Comp.)	\$ 579.00
" " (Additional Workman's Comp.)	29.00
" " (Town Officers' Bonds)	76.00
" " (Town House)	25.00
" " (Auto Liability)	84.00
" " (School House)	38.00
Concord General Mutual Co. (Prop. Ins. Sel. Off.)	33.00

\$ 864.00

Interest:

Pemigewasset National Bank (Temp. Loans)	\$ 627.08
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Temporary Loans:

Pemigewasset National Bank	\$35,000.00
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State Treasurer:

State of New Hampshire (Resident Tax)	\$ 98.55
State of New Hampshire (Boat Tax)	2.08
State of New Hampshire (Bond & Debt Ret. Tax)	9.88

\$ 110.51

County:

Grafton County Tax	\$ 6,680.75
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Newfound Area School District:

Charles Greenwood, Treasurer:

1972 Jan. 11 - June 30 (Includes \$256.50 deficit)	\$ 8,866.31
1973 July 1 - Dec. 31	13,100.00

\$21,966.31

Cemeteries:

Paul Adams (Removing wood)	\$ 10.00
Gordon Matthews (Mowing)	33.75
David Martell (Mowing)	18.00
Wendell Gilchrist (Mowing)	18.00
Wendell Gilchrist (Repair of mower)	21.40

\$ 101.15

Library:

Barbara Hobart	\$ 150.00
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Street Lighting:

N. H. Electric Coop., Inc.	\$ 197.79
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Taxes Bought by the Town:

Town of Groton	\$ 562.88
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Health Department:

Pemigewasset Baker Health Agency	\$ 150.00
Newfound Area Ambulance Service	175.00

\$ 325.00

Parks & Playgrounds:

Edward Smith (labor)	\$ 8.22
Edward Smith (Backhoe)	14.00
Bristol Community Center	100.00

\$ 122.22

Old Age Assistance:

State of New Hampshire (1972 - \$18.58)	\$ 967.19
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Town Poor:

Grafton County (Food)	\$ 81.61
Judith Dill, Agent (Bookkp., Elec., Mileage)	119.58
Town of Hebron (Reim. of Food \$23.88)	

\$ 201.19

Summer Roads:

Edward Smith, truck	\$ 74.35
Edward Smith, loader	341.00
Edward Smith, labor	227.93
Edward Smith, backhoe	138.00
Edward Smith, sand	209.30
Edward Smith, dozer	456.25
Edward Smith, power saw	3.00
Ernest Matthews, Jr., labor	353.23
David Albert, truck	19.50
Norris Smith, labor	16.87
Joseph Matthews, labor	71.99
Richard Humphrey, labor	5.62
Nicholas Adams, labor	99.00
Peter Samuelson, blasting	60.00
Irving MacDonald, backhoe, culverts, gravel	25.00
Phyllis Ashley, sand	27.20
Myron Lamper, labor	36.00
M. Parris, mower	35.00
James Albert, grader	90.00
C. Denis Matthews & Son, truck	149.40
David Albert, labor	80.99

\$ 2,519.63

Winter Roads:

Edward Smith, labor	\$ 733.08
Edward Smith, backhoe	24.00
Edward Smith, loader	28.00
Edward Smith, sand	14.40
David Albert, labor	352.12
David Albert, truck	110.00
Richard Humphrey, labor	32.10
Norris Smith, labor	51.74

Norman Willey, labor	9.00
Joseph Matthews, labor	42.75
Ernest Matthews, Jr. labor	336.37
M. Parris, plowing	24.00
Lewis Albert, labor	4.50
C. Denis Matthews & Son, truck	16.60
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, salt	328.00

\$ 2,106.66

Sealing:

Ernest Matthews, Jr., labor	\$ 112.49
David Albert, labor	70.87
Edward Smith, labor	49.35
Edward Smith, backhoe	195.00
Edward Smith, tractor	102.00
Edward Smith, truck	224.10
James Albert, grader	350.00
James Albert, loader	40.00
C. Denis Matthews & Son, truck	199.20
Campton Sand & Gravel, cold patch	1,156.99

\$ 2,500.00

Town Dump:

Edward Smith, labor	\$ 48.17
Edward Smith, dozer	260.00
Edward Smith, power saw	3.00
Edward Smith, backhoe	40.00
Ernest Matthews, Jr., labor	68.62
Nicholas Adams, labor	42.75
Paul Adams, labor	351.00

\$ 813.54

General Expense Highway:

Yeaton Oil Co., Inc., gas & oil	\$ 714.49
Bartlett Auto, gen. rep. T. Tr.	456.35
Charles A. Gould, angle iron	9.00
Kelley's Shell Garage, tire & tube	95.00
Sanel Auto Parts, light for town truck	78.95
Sanel Auto Parts, parts	46.15
Edward Smith, repair sander & plow	44.78
Kibby Equipment Inc., cutting edges	58.00
Brooks Auto Supply, parts, block heater, paint, dir. lgt., visoll	78.72
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, wire rock picker	44.68
Midway Service, truck tune-up	80.45
R. P. Williams, Inc., lumber for tractor house	77.55

Home & Auto Ct., Inc., 4 tires & studs	186.60
Hebron Village Store, trans. fluid.	1.90
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	\$ 1,972.62

Gas Tax:

Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, salt	\$ 205.00
Armco Steel Corp., 14 culverts	1,075.38
Prescott Lumber Co., material for bridge	29.72
James Albert, grader	45.00
Rental of Equipment, dozer & loader	469.75
Rental of Equipment, truck	65.00
Rental of Equipment, truck	58.50
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, salt	195.00
Rental of Equipment, backhoe	230.20
Rental of Equipment, backhoe	90.00
Rental of Equipment, truck	104.00
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	\$ 2,567.55

(Breakdown as to State Requirements)

Town Road Aid:

State of New Hampshire, Treasurer	\$ 294.82
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Duncan Fund:

Edward Smith, labor	\$ 59.92
Edward Smith, truck	24.90
Edward Smith, loader	76.00
Ernest Matthews, Jr., labor	59.63
David Albert, labor	50.63
David Albert, truck	26.00
Dean Yeaton, truck	108.00
Raymond Davis, sand	39.60
Campton Sand & Gravel, cold patch	86.53
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	\$ 531.21

New Equipment:

Bi-Rite, Adding machine - 1972	\$ 199.97
Treas., State of New Hampshire, truck frink wing - 1972	50.00
E. W. Sleeper Co., sander	3,400.00
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	\$ 3,649.97

Federal Reserve Sharing:

Pemigewasset National Bank	\$ 2,044.00
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Discounts, Abatements & Refunds:

Carl Pebbles, Redemp. Prop. tax, B. Hutchins' prop.	\$ 31.48
Betty Ann deMello, advertising tax sale	32.50

Paul Buck, Refund Prop. tax	31.00
Paul Hemeon, Refund tax bill	50.37
Stanley Hawkes, Refund tax bill	15.50
Walter Stevens, Refund tax bill	15.50

\$ 176.35

Capital Reserve Fund:

Barbara Hobart, Trustee of Trust Funds	\$ 1,000.00
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Damages & Legal Expenses:

Murphy & Deachman, Legal work prescribed by George Karkheck & Betty Ann deMello	\$ 230.00
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Flood Damages:

Paul Adams, truck	\$ 38.25
David Albert, gas	29.25
Ronald Merrill, labor	70.75
Edward Smith, labor	191.82
Edward Smith, dozer	1,298.11
Edward Smith, loader	867.35
Edward Smith, truck	1,428.25
Edward Smith, gravel	805.00
Edward Smith, A. C. 840 loader	2,008.75
Edward Smith, backhoe	740.62
Norman Willey, labor	6.75
Richard Humphrey, labor	6.75
Ronald Wanamaker, labor	83.25
Kenneth Martell, labor	150.25
Joseph Matthews, labor	174.56
William Wadsworth, truck	88.80
Ernest Matthews, Jr., labor	1,118.98
James Albert, labor	23.62
James Albert, loader	50.00
James Albert, truck	53.12
James Albert, grader	235.00
Nicholas Adams, truck	12.75
Nicholas Adams, labor	807.74
Myron Lamper, labor	2,154.50
Everett Hobart, labor	4.50
H. H. Davis, gravel	116.80
Irving MacDonald, truck	90.00
Peter Samuelson, blasting	73.00
Donald Hamilton, truck	332.00
James Monroe, truck	12.45
N. Ashley, sand	8.75
Charles A. Carr Co., Inc., cleaning stove - Sel. off.	11.20
John Morrison, grader	2,645.62

Boake Morrison, dozer	308.00
C. Denis Matthews & Son, truck & labor	787.90
Raymond Davis, sand	79.65
V. Matthews, labor	58.50
Charles Matthews, labor	195.00
Gordon Matthews, labor	50.00
Donald Poitras, dozer	2,425.00
Lumbertown, culverts	220.00
N. H. Bituminous, tar	2,264.63

\$22,127.22

Returned Checks - Insuffi. Funds

\$ 203.63

Internal Revenue Service:

Internal Revenue Service (Withholdings)

\$ 496.11

Total Paid Selectmen's Vouchers

\$116,776.84

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS IN THE TOWN OF GROTON, N. H. ON DEC. 31, 1973

<i>Date of Creation</i>	<i>Name of Trust Fund</i>	<i>Purpose of Trust Fund</i>	<i>How Invested</i>	<i>New Funds Created</i>	<i>Bal. Prin End of Year</i>	<i>Acc. Int. During Year</i>	<i>Income During Year</i>	<i>Expendi. During Year</i>	<i>Bal. of Int. End of Year</i>
Unknown	Cyrus Blood Fund	Care of Cyrus Blood Lot in Rolfie Hill Cem #25171	The Plymouth Guar. Sav. Bank		\$50.00	\$99.43	\$7.87	none	\$107.30
Unknown	George Hall Fund	Care of Lot in Union Cemetery	The Plymouth Guar. Sav. Bank #23172		100.00	165.09	13.97	none	179.06
Unknown	North Groton Cemetery Fund	Care of Cemetery	The Plymouth Guar. Sav. Bank #36736		231.98	132.79	19.23	none	152.02
Oct. 29, 1969	Capital Reserve Fund	Purchase of Town Truck	The Bristol Sav. Bank #21646	\$1,000.00	2,000.00	190.12	100.84	none	290.96
Nov. 21, 1960	Marjorie Warner Fund	Purchase of Reading Matter Sav. Bank Groton Library #18952	The Bristol Sav. Bank #18952		200.00	305.28	15.52	none	320.80
	Totals			\$1,000.00	\$2,581.98	\$892.71	\$157.43	none	\$1,050.14

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BARBARA HOBART
Trustee

AUDITOR'S OPINION

March 5, 1974

I did not perform a certified audit for the Town of Groton as regards the financial statements at December 31, 1973 and for the year then ended. However, I did perform a "Town Audit", following all procedures as prescribed by the Division of Municipal Accounting of the State of New Hampshire, including such tests as I deemed necessary in the circumstances. I found no material misstatements and all records appeared to conform with the regulations of the Division of Municipal Accounting.

PAUL M. BUCK

Groton 1/31/74

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Payments Jan. 1, 1973 to Dec. 31, 1973

Elaine Karkheck, Salary	\$ 49.50
Chas. A. Carr Co., Inc., Fuel	160.17
New Hampshire Electric Coop., Inc., Lights	35.90
Cleaning Library:	
Elaine Karkheck	\$ 5.00
Vikki Matthews	14.62
Beryl Colby	9.00
Terry Matthews	9.00
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	37.62
Cleaning Aids: Mop head and wax	2.08
Check Book	2.50
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Total Payments	\$ 287.77
Balance	22.87
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Grand Total	\$ 310.64

Receipts Jan. 1, 1973 to Dec. 31, 1973

Cash on Hand	\$ 160.64
Selectmen's Appropriation	150.00
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Total	\$ 310.64

Respectfully submitted,
BARBARA HOBART
Library Treasurer

REPORT of the FOREST FIRE WARDEN and DISTRICT CHIEF

The New Hampshire Forest Fire Service is represented in every town, city or unorganized place in our state by the forest fire warden. Anyone wishing to kindle an outside fire when the ground is not covered with snow must first obtain the written permission of the fire warden. Except for cooking fires, no fire can be kindled between 9:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. unless it is a commercial or industrial burn or it is raining. The fire warden is assisted in his work by the District Forest Fire Chief who works for the Department of Resources and Economic Development Forest Fire Service.

Fire prevention was, again this year, the most important part of the Forest Fire Warden's job. Fire statistics show the need with 72% of the fires caused by smoking, debris burning and children. Smokey the Bear is an important prevention tool but he still needs much help from the public. Parents should warn their children of the hazards of playing with matches. Children tend to forget that a lighted match held in their hand is a potential forest fire.

Forest Fire Record:

	State	District	Town
Fires reported	617	6	0
Acres burned	244	17 3/4	0
Acres average size	.395		

FOREST FIRE WARDEN	Carroll D. Matthews Groton, N. H.
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POLICE REPORT

March 6, 1973 to December 31, 1973

This was a very busy year due to a large increase in traffic and in building. The floods in July kept this department on the alert.

The following is a statement of duties:

Building Checks	45
Buildings Broken into	25
Breaks Investigated	10
Stolen Property Returned to Owner	1
Dog Complaints	15
No. of Persons transported to Hospital	2
Fires	2
Ball Games	3
No. of Hours in Court	6
Motor Vehicle Arrests	3
Court Convictions	3

I have 120 hours now of class in Government Finance Study taken at Lincoln, New Hampshire. This course was given by St. Anselm's College. This was my third semester of this study. I spent 56 hours at the N. H. Technical Institute of Standards in Police Training Council. Both these courses were of no expense to the Town.

I would like to thank the surrounding Police Departments and the N. H. State Police for their cooperation. The Selectmen in this Town have been most enjoyable to work with throughout the year.

CARL J. PEBBLES

Chief of Police

SELECTMEN'S LETTER

On June 30, 1973, Gov. Thomson declared the State of New Hampshire a disaster area. The people of Groton witnessed flooding of streams, washouts of entire roads and severe damage to property. The Thayer Road was completely washed out; Cheever Road and Sculptured Rocks extensively damaged.

The Selectmen and Secretary attended a meeting at the Plymouth Elementary School to gather information pertaining to the allocation of Federal Funds for just such a disaster. C. Denis Matthews was elected Disaster Coordinator and Wendell Gilchrist, aide. Myron Lamper agreed to be foreman of all the road projects.

The estimated damage cost, made by several teams of State employees, was \$33,776.00. To date, Groton has received \$16,888.00—about 50% of the estimated total. Rivers and streams projects are completed. Roads and buildings projects are not completed. It is the opinion of this Board, that the extensive clean-up of the Sculptured Rocks River diverted another disaster in December.

General Government, Protection of Persons and Property and Property and Interest have exceeded appropriations due to the flood costs not covered under Federal Disaster Funds.

Our sincere appreciation to the people of Groton for their cooperation, hard work and understanding during the difficult days of clean-up and restoration.

We wish to thank Earl Leavey, a former resident, for his good job done on the River Road Cemetery.

The Town House has a new coat of paint and a flag pole was erected near the Selectmen's Office and Library.

The Board has enjoyed serving the people of Groton during the past year. In spite of the flood, which was a job in itself, we have seen progress. Let us enter 1974 with the same progress in mind.

Sincerely yours,

DAVID ALBERT
WENDELL GILCHRIST
C. DENIS MATTHEWS

Selectmen of Groton

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages

In Hebron, N. H., November 24, 1973 by John M. Fischer, Clergyman, Kenneth R. Martell, Jr. and Louise E. Albert

In Groton, N. H., November 26, 1973 by Richard W. Clancy, Justice of the Peace, Ernest E. Matthews, Jr. and Paula F. Adams.

In Hebron, N. H., December 24, 1973 by John M. Fischer, Clergyman, David J. Albert and Karen Van Hagen.

Deaths

In Tilton, N. H., April 21, 1973, Lauie Alexandria Nettleton, Age 69.

In Groton, N. H., May 19, 1973, Fletcher Parris, Age 74.

In New London, N. H., September 18, 1973, Phyllis Foye Lamos, Age 47.

In Plymouth, N. H., October 31, 1973, Harold David Watts, Age 86.

Births

In Plymouth, N. H. on May 15, 1973, Lisa Marie Wakefield, daughter of Bruce and Mary Wakefield.

In Plymouth, N. H., on September 22, 1973, Jeanine Marie Guy, daughter of Leroy and Laurie Guy.

In Plymouth, N. H., on September 31, 1973, Jeffrey Alan Matthews, son of Charles and Carol Matthews.

In Laconia, N. H., on December 9, 1973, Abigail Buck, daughter of Paul and Katherine Buck.

In Laconia, N. H., on December 28, 1973, Jennifer Carter, daughter of David and Betty Carter.

